REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 10-83 were pending. Claims 10-83 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). In this response, claims 49-65 and 68 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 10, 28, 48, 69-72, 75-76, 79-80, and 83 have been amended. New claims 84-97 have been added. Support for the new claims is found in the application illustratively in Table 1 on pages 16-17. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-83 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over an article entitled "VolanoChat Java solution turns ordinary Web sites into interactive money makers", Business Wire, pp1-2 ("Volano"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,572,619 of Judson and U.S. Patent No. 5,862,330 of Anupam et al. ("Anupam").

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims include limitations that are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, individually or in combination. Specifically, independent claim 10 as amended recites as follows:

> 10. A method for embedding chat functions in a Web page, comprising:
> in response to a command received by a computer, establishing a browser region including a browser frame controlled by a browser client on a display device;
> establishing a chat region controlled by a chat client within the browser region on the display device contemporaneously with the browser region, the chat region being a real time continuously open bi-directional communications chat region;
> in response to receiving chat content including a link to a web page, the chat client effecting displaying of the chat content in the chat region;
> in response to detecting selection, by a user of the display device, of the link displayed in the chat region, the chat client invoking the browser client with the link; and
> in response to the invoking, the browser client obtaining from a server the web page that corresponds to the link and displaying the obtained web page in the browser region.

(Emphasis added)

Independent claim 10 includes a limitation that the chat region and the browser region are effecting each other, particularly, the browser region is invoked in response to content selection of the chat region or vice versa. It is respectfully submitted that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest the above limitations. Therefore, for the reasons discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 10 is patentable over the cited references.

Similarly, independent claims 28 and 48 include limitations similar to those recited in claim 10. Thus, for the reasons similar to those discussed above, independent claims 28 and 48 are patentable over the cited references.

Given that the rest of the claims depend from one of the above independent claims, at least for the reasons similar to those discussed above, it is respectfully submitted that the rest of the claims are patentable over the cited references. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully submitted.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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